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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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/DD/	19516971	11/15/95	Germany (w/abstract)	F02B	41/10	√	
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

/DD/	International Search Report dated 3 February 2005 based on PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/011861.

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